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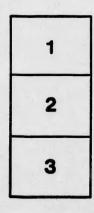
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AN IMPARTIAL VIEW.

Editor of THE CITIZEN.

SIR,—Mr. J. R. Booth is reported in today's CITIZEN to have said, "The terms
they (the strikers) offered were the same as
before, ten hours and 50 cents increase."
This statement appears to be simply untrue,
as The CITIZEN report declares repeatedly
that the workmen are quite willing to compromise the matter by relinquishing all claim
to the "50 cents increase," and require now
only the reduction of to the to "ten hours,"
in consideration of the corresponding reduction of wage's this year. Mr. J. R. Booth
proceeds to say "they (the strikers) seem to
have no idea of any argument. They will
not look at the state of the market
and the price of lumber." A little
reflection should convince Mr. Booth
that this is no part whatever of the workman's business, for it is manifestly the millowner's special business to "look at the state
of the market and the price of lumber," and
then to decide whether it is advisable to run
the mills night and day, or by day only, or
half day, or three-quarter day, according as
the prospect may be encouraging or otherwise: and to calculate also upon paying his
men fair wages according to the number of
hours' work required of them, whether it
should be a full day's work, or only half a
day, or three-quarter day, or nine-tenths of
a day. All this is most unquestionably the
millowner's special business, and in justice
to himself, and his worken also, he should
neglect no part whatever of it. A millowner
also having any sense of fusice and equity,
or appreciation of sound "argument" himself,
sould ascarely fail to perceive that
it is most unfair and unreasonable to demand
aleven hours' work for ten hours' wages yielded
to the prosperous seasons tick over
whatever deficiency may be fucurred by any
temporary decline in the market. The abolute absurdity of the contrary view becomes apparent enough (it carried out practically); for it would be to demand a day's
work for half-a-day's wages, simply because
of a temporary decline in the market of the
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HENRY WENTWORTH MONK.
Ottawa, 25th September, 1891.

